(b) The Government have constituted a Group of Officers to look into the problem of closed Cotton textile mills in the country with a view to preparing rehabilitation packages in respect of those that are capable of being revived. Government have also recently announced a new textile policy which includes comprehensive measures for combating sickness in the textile industry.

Statement

List of closed mills as on 30-6-1985 in Tamil Nadu State & Union territory of Pondichery.

1. M/s. Vasantha Mills Ltd., Singanallur, Coimbatore.
2. M/s Shri Kothandaram Spg. Mills, Madurai.
3. M/s. Shri Padma Mills, Kalappatti, Coimbatore.
4. Tamil Nadu Spinning Mills Ltd. Tirupur.
5. Sree Janardana Mills Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore.
6. Bhagyam Textiles, Coimbatore.
7. M/s. Jallaram Spinning Mills, Coimbatore.
8. M/s. Sree Krishna Swamy Mills Kumarapalayam.
9. M/s. Sree Hari Mills Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore.
10. M/s. Selvalakshmi Mills Ltd., Tirupur.
11. M/s. Radha Spg. Mills, Tirupur.
12. M/s. Mahavishnu Textile Mills Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore.
13. M/s. Sree Rama Lakshmi Spinners Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore.
14. M/s. Senthuran Spg. Mills, Pollachi, Coimbatore.
15. M/s Sree Vasavi Spg. Mills, Thirukkovilur.
16. M/s. Aruna Cotton Mills Ltd., Coimbatore.
17. M/s. Prashanth Textiles Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore.

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18. M/s. Anglo French Textiles Ltd., Pondicherry.

Closure of foundries in Coimbatore district due to irregular supply of Steel and Coal

743. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of foundries in Coimbatore District of Tamil Nadu have been closed down due to the irregular supply of steel and coal;

(b) what criteria are followed in supplying steel and coal to the industries;

(c) what are the reasons for their irregular supply; and

(d) by when the supply of these items is likely to be regularised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (d) Pig iron used by foundries in Coimbatore is being supplied by SAIL on the basis of entitlement of the foundries. The entitlement is worked out on the basis of a formula which is as follows :— 20% of the assessed capacity of the unit or best off-take in any year during 1976-77—1980-81 —whichever is higher. This is pro-rated to availability.

Supplies of pig iron to Coimbatore got dislocated during April, 1985 due to movement restrictions to the South and a strike at Bokaro Steel Plant. Normalcy has since been restored.

Information regarding coal is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.